

To ensure that local small businesses have access to the resources they need to succeed, U.S. Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) today released to the business community his [2011 Small Businesses Guidebook](#).

The Guidebook, authored by Barrow, is designed to link small business owners with federal and state entities whose missions are to promote innovation, provide access to new capital, and support small business growth in the U.S.

“Small businesses continue to be the backbone of our economy, and if we have any hope of keeping our economy moving forward, we need to continue supporting these folks and allow them to do what they do best: creating local, American jobs,” said Congressman Barrow. “The Guidebook is by no means a turnkey recipe for success, but it is meant to serve as a one-stop-shop for small business owners looking to stay competitive and emerge from this economic climate as a stronger business entity.”

The Guidebook offers helpful tips for how to get an idea off the ground and turn it into a successful business; highlights specific opportunities available for minority, veteran, and women-owned businesses; and outlines Mr. Barrow’s key priorities for helping small businesses thrive.

“This Small Business Guidebook is an extremely useful tool that I can circulate throughout the community,” said J. Craig Gordon, Georgia State Representative from District 162 and CEO of Statewide Healthcare, a local small businesses founded by his parents. “In these tough times, small businesses need all the support and resources they can get. These resources help the small business sector provide jobs and aide in the strengthening of our economy.”

There are nearly 30 million small businesses in America, employing more than half of the country’s workforce.

A copy of Congressman Barrow's 2011 Small Business Guidebook is available by [clicking here](#).

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